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Committee Bill No. 6356

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING YOUNG CHILDREN LIVING IN HOMELESS SHELTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services, in consultation with the Child Day Care Council
3 established under section 17b-748 of the general statutes, shall
4 establish a competitive grant program to provide day care services to
5 children under six years of age who reside in homeless shelters. Under
6 the program, the commissioner shall award up to five grants to day
7 care centers to provide full day programs for such children, in
8 accordance with this section, and to provide transportation for such
9 children between the shelters and the centers. The full day program
10 shall include a prekindergarten curriculum, enrichment activities,
11 mentoring, meals, preventative medical services such as hearing tests
12 and any other component specified by the commissioner in regulations
13 adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Any day care center
14 seeking a grant shall apply to the Department of Social Services at such
15 time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes.

16 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in

17 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for purposes of the
18 program.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of one hundred thousand
20 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the
21 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for grants
22 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a grant program to provide school readiness programs for young children who reside in homeless shelters.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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